



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Toney Stewart
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Herbert Moreland
DC John Clark
2nd DC Rodney Liggins
Cmdr. James Suchowski
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Herbert Myles
Lt. Michael Adams
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Dennis Perkins
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O'Steen
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
Sgt. Janae Stinson
Sgt. Sherrell Stanley
P.O. Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Gasper Fiore

Mary Lacy
Tina Cook

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, May 21, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, May 14, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Monday, May 25, 2009, in observance of Memorial Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,247** active investigations, of which **450** of those are for 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 05/21/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	10TH PRECINCT		1								1
1	12TH PRECINCT				1						1
3	CENTRAL		1		1		1			1	4
1	COMMUNICATIONS		1								1
2	EASTERN		1				2			1	4
1	GAMING						1				1
3	NARCOTICS			2	1		2				5
1	NORTHEASTERN		1								1
9	NORTHWESTERN		5	1			3			2	11
1	PRO/ACCOUNTABILITY									1	1
1	SOUTHWESTERN		1				1				2
1	SPECIAL CRIMES						1				1
1	TACTICAL SERVICES		1								1
16	Unknown Command		6	2	3		6			1	18
42		0	18	5	6	0	17	0	0	6	52

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

May 21, 2009

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, May 28, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. #328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On May 16, 2009, officers of the Domestic Violence Arrest Team arrested a subject who was wanted on warrants for "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm Less than Murder, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felonious Assault), and Domestic Violence."

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Tenth Precinct

From May 11 through May 15, officers of the Tenth Precinct participated in National Police Week. Presentations on Crime Prevention, Fire Safety, and the Dangers of Drug Use were provided to approximately 130 students. White balloons were released to honor all of the fallen officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.



Southwestern District

On May 11, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District arrested a subject who was wanted for "Carjacking." The subject was charged with "Carjacking, Robbery, Unlawful Imprisonment, Habitual 4th, and Malicious Destruction of Property."



Central District

On May 16, 2009, officers of the Central District responded to the area of Clairmount and Lodge Service Drive on a "Shooting." Subsequent to their investigation, the subject was detained and conveyed to the Wayne County Youth Home. A handgun was recovered.



Eastern District

On May 11, 2009, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 4000 block of Devonshire on a "Breaking & Entering." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 1st, Felonious Assault, and Malicious Destruction of Property."

AC Fleming stated before this Board is a recommendation to appoint Rodney Liggins, with exceptional experience as 2nd Deputy Chief of Public Information whom will replace James Tate who resigned on May 8, 2009.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

SEE ATTACHMENT

AC Fleming introduced DC Clark of the Management Services Bureau to give the presentation on Fiscal Management.

DC Clark gave an overview of Fiscal Management and Fiscal Operations and its initiatives.

Comm. Okdie asked when was the plan put in place to move to 7310 Woodward.

DC Clark stated in the fall of 2006 and the lease was signed in December of 2006.

Comm. Okdie stated there have been rumors to move everything from this building. He asked if the major plans have been in development for three years.

DC Clark stated the City and the department had been looking at 7310 Woodward about three or four years ago as a possible site for a police headquarters.

Comm. Okdie asked was there any conversations with this Board regarding those plans. He asked was the building purchased.

DC Clark stated it's a lease.

Comm. Okdie stated that was sprung on this Board at the last minute and now the purchase of the building was the beginning stage of the master plan. Now with the moving of records and identification could be construed as part of the master plan. He asked what conversations took place with this Board during that three year period.

DC Clark stated the building wasn't purchased. He stated the funding for that building is in the police budget. He stated from time to time, presentations have come before this Board and he is sure the move was mentioned.

Comm. Okdie asked if he agrees that this Board provides oversight of the entire department and should have some knowledge of this major plan.

DC Clark stated he agrees.

Comm. Okdie stated this isn't a reflection of the new administration but having a three year plan, this Board should have been notified in the beginning stage.

DC Clark stated he understands.

Comm. Griffin asked DC Clark "how does Police Payroll relate to Fiscal Operations".

DC Clark stated it is a separate operation with a close working relationship.

Comm. Rivera asked if there was a plan to have all of the police departments in one building.

DC Clark stated there is a case to have all administration functions in one building while other departments are housed somewhere else for security reasons and money.

Comm. Rivera stated if the department keeps leasing everything, they won't have anything at the end of the lease.

DC Clark stated the problem is the City doesn't have cash to pay for the building, but does have enough to lease one. He does believe that most government entities should own their own police headquarters.

Comm. Stewart asked DC Clark to explain what his bureau has learned from the audits.

DC Clark stated one example is the checks from various accounts need to have two lines on them for two signatures and making sure that they are not the same people who are doing the reconciliation of those accounts.

Chairperson Holley asked does the Management Service Bureau have a role regarding the Consent Decree.

DC Clark stated yes, because the holding cells had some issue that needed to be addressed. Those issues fall under Resource Management which falls under Management Services.

Chairperson Holley asked if his department was in compliance.

DC Clark stated yes, but they must continue to stay in compliance because there are ongoing audits.

Chairperson Holley asked did the money come out of his budget.

DC Clark stated it comes out of the city funds, which cost about \$800,000 over a 10-month period.

Chairperson Holley asked what is the Department of Justice (DOJ) being paid for being here.

DC Clark stated the City pays a fee of about \$180,000 a month.

Chairperson Holley asked what is the \$2,000,000 used for.

DC Clark stated they have various teams that come in to do the inspections.

Chairperson Holley stated regardless of the money crisis, the City still has to pay the monthly fee.

AC Fleming stated no sir.

Chairperson Holley asked who negotiates the fee.

DC Clark stated when the monitor requested an increase in the fee, the City through the Law Department contested the increase.

Chairperson Holley asked how does Grants and Contract fit in under the Bureau.

AC Fleming stated that is now under the Assistant Chief's office.

Chairperson Holley asked how does the City of Detroit's vendors fit in to do business with the police department.

DC Clark stated all of the purchasing for the police department falls under the City's Purchasing department. The police department follows their guidelines for bids.

Chairperson Holley asked does the department make any purchases themselves.

DC Clark stated no, sir.

Chairperson Holley stated all of it comes through the city.

DC Clark stated anything over \$2,000.

Chairperson Holley stated he was concerned after the leasing of 7310 Woodward three years ago. He stated if he had known that the building was going to be completely occupied he would have purchased the building. This is a lease for \$20,000,000. He asked what is the square footage of 7310 Woodward compared to Police Headquarter.

DC Clark stated headquarters is about 240,000 square feet and they are leasing about 100,000 square feet at 7310 Woodward.

Chairperson Holley stated what "is the total square footage of 7310 Woodward".

DC Clark stated it is eight floors at 30,000 square feet.

Chairperson Holley stated with all of the buildings being spread out, he asked "how is this being rolled out to the citizens". He stated it needs to be a one stop shop. For \$30,000,000 they ought to give the department a floor.

DC Clark stated certain things were included in the lease agreement.

Chairperson Holley asked who is doing the build out.

DC Clark stated the landlord.

Chairperson Holley asked who does the wiring.

DC Clark stated the landlord.

Chairperson Holley stated that is the first lease.

DC Clark stated that is for all three floors.

Chairperson Holley asked how are the citizens going to be able to find different police services.

AC Fleming stated the new 2nd Deputy Chief will get that information out. He stated they are in the works to close a couple of buildings that are costing the department well over \$500,000. He stated happy police officers make happy citizens.

Comm. Rivera asked who is "they" that are developing the master plan?

AC Fleming stated he can't answer that, but what the new administration does this Board is informed.

Comm. Rivera asked DC Clark who is in charge of the master plan.

DC Clark stated the City of Detroit retained the services of a law firm to do the development of that plan.

Chairperson Holley stated whom ever that is needs to come in a give this Board some input on this master plan, but there needs to be a one stop shop for the citizens.

Comm. Griffin asked is there going to be a Steve Wilson story telling us that someone's cousin in the department owns this building.

AC Fleming stated not that he is aware of.

Comm. Stewart stated there is something that is associated with this building. He stated the department is occupying only the first floor.

DC Clark stated the first three floors are being occupied.

Comm. Stewart stated for 20 years.

DC Clark stated that's correct.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ALLOW SWEET WILLIAM PRODUCTIONS, INC. TO FILM A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "THE IRISHMEN"

On **May 28 - 29, 2009**, Sweet William Productions Inc. is scheduled to film a motion picture titled "The Irishmen" set in the city of Detroit. The Detroit Police Department is requesting permission to allow the film company to utilize areas within 1300 Beaubien to film a portion of the film.

Upon your approval, uniformed personnel from Tactical Operations will be on site to facilitate film crews, parking, and equipment during filming. Sweet William Productions, Inc. will reimburse the City of Detroit for all police services (including overtime) provided by the Detroit Police Department.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this project.

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley asked will there be a cost to the department to have the filming here.

Sgt. Stinson stated no, but they will be paying for the officer's overtime and the department will be paid for all square footage that will be used.

Chairperson Holley asked has this been done before.

Sgt. Stinson stated yes when they filmed "Betty Anne Waters".

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

(Presentation on Deaf and Hard of Hearing scheduled for May 28, 2009)

Comm. Okdie stated he watched the interview with the Chief and he supports the Chief 100% for sending those officers to Washington, DC.

Chairperson Holley stated thanks for saying that for the entire Board.

Comm. Griffin stated absolutely.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

M. Lacy asked if the Board can continue to use the sign in sheet.

Chairperson Holley stated she is being recorded and there will be a sign in sheet next week.

M. Lacy asked if a citizen can find out what happened at the Tiger's Baseball Game because helicopter was flying over.

AC Fleming stated there was an incident on Vicksburg and Holmur where an individual drew a gun on police officers and was shot.

E. Moore stated as a citizen of Detroit, he would like to thank this Board for those questions asked during the presentation, and Councilman Kenyetta supports the police department.

Chairperson Holley asked did City Council approved the lease agreement of 7310 Woodward.

DC Clark stated yes.

Chairperson Holley stated he would like things like this to come before this Board as well.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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